

Abilities Alliance

***Foster, Adoption, &
Kinship Services***

***Homeless
Continuum of Care***

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Mental Health Awareness

Substance Use Disorders

Hunger Council

In partnership with:

***The Livingston Leadership
Council on Aging***

and

Great Start Livingston



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***Human Services
Collaborative Body
Annual Report
to the
Community***



***“Ensuring a System
of Support for
Members of Our
Community”***



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Message from the Chair

As I reflect on this year as the Chair of the Livingston County Human Services Collaborative Body, I am impressed with the amount of progress our workgroups have made. It has been an honor to serve as your chair for the last two years. As I turn the baton over to Anita Gibson, I know we are in capable hands. Livingston County has continued our reputation as one of the most collaborative counties in our state and can be seen in the outcomes we have achieved together. As our county continues to grow, we need to strive to find solutions to difficult and new challenges together. It is important to remember we do this work to make our community stronger for everyone who makes Livingston County their home. Thanks for all you have done in 2019; let's continue to make great things happen in 2020. It has been my honor to serve as the HSCB Chair.

Happy New Year,

Connie Conklin



HSCB Mission

"Ensuring a system of support for members of our community"

HSCB Values

- We believe the needs of children, adults, and families drive our planning and services.
- We believe that collaboration means shared stewardship of community resources for the common good of Livingston County.
- We believe that collaboration requires broad community representation.
- We believe the HSCB is responsible for developing continuums of service from prevention to treatment.
- We believe the HSCB should ensure that community members needing services from multiple agencies receive services as efficiently and effectively as possible by creating systems of care.
- We believe that the HSCB should provide a caring community for Livingston County residents by supporting each other's work.

Tackle Hunger

The Livingston County Hunger Council ensures no one goes hungry in our community through a Food Response System.

- ◆ 25,394 Meals provided during Summer Lunch Bunch at 11 locations which supports free and reduced meals needed during the summer for children and families.
- ◆ 514 Seniors served weekend meals by Meals on Wheels.
- ◆ 20 Food distribution sites, available throughout the county, have distributed 1.8 million Gleaners meals.
- ◆ 2,700 pounds of fresh produce were grown by 6 local community gardens.
- ◆ 7 fresh produce carts are spread across Livingston County.
- ◆ Mission Nutrition Livingston subcommittee initiated a school food mobile at Three Fires Elementary and provided cafeteria refrigeration to Pinckney schools to prevent food waste.
- ◆ Built new partnerships to launch the Middle Mile Program which will pick up surplus prepared foods from donors such as caterers and restaurants to increase food access after school for families.
- ◆ 5 Days a week, a free hot meal is available at local churches.



Individually, we are one drop.
Together, we are an ocean.

— Ryunosuke Satoro



Stabilize Housing

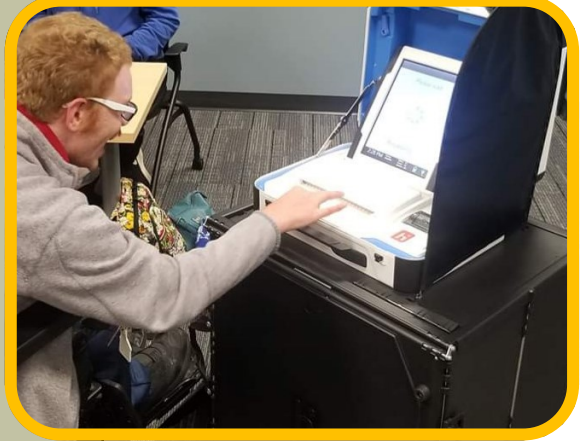
The Homeless Continuum of Care Committee, along with the Housing Stability Task Force sub-committee, has a coordinated response for housing needs.

- \$198,753 was used to stabilize existing homes for 380 households through Rent Assistance.
- \$189,905 was used to keep the heat and the lights on in 465 households.
- \$129,350 was used to provide temporary shelter for 733 households.
- 335 households were saved by receiving services at Court by the Eviction Diversion program. 113 of these households received funding to avoid eviction.
- Almost 2 million dollars spent in subsidized housing payments to stabilize homes for people with disabilities, victims of domestic violence and homeless families.



Creating an Informed Community through Education

- 111 professionals from 20 Agencies were trained by the Funding Partners Core Competency Training Series.
- The Substance Use Disorders Workgroup reached 28 people with their training—Identifying and Connecting Youth to Services for Co-Occurring Issues (Substance Use and Other Disorders). They held 8 community prevention activities and supported the efforts of their partners with 4,309 people being engaged through 10 partner activities.
- 3 educational activities and 5 communications were made by the Abilities Alliance to increase awareness, reduce stigma and promote inclusion of individuals with disabilities.



Supporting Transportation Services

The Transportation Coalition reached 150 people at the Transportation Open House in March. The Coalition's Master Plan was created. Health Vans and Airport Shuttles are up and running. Master Plan Action 12 – countywide bike and pedestrian connections received a grant to map and promote trails throughout the county.



Keeping our Children Safe

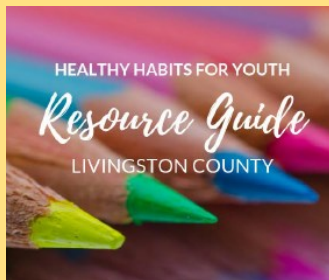
- The Mental Health Awareness Workgroup provided presentations at our local schools and 1,646 students learned about suicide prevention and the signs of mental health disorders. 82% of students reported increased awareness in post tests.
- The Foster care, Adoption and Kinship care Services Workgroup (FAKS) helped to recruit 26 newly licensed homes for foster care. They have also supported existing families with events (373 participants) and trainings (55 participants).
- Wraparound services, provided by the Funding Partners Workgroup, were provided to 84 Families and 73% of the children involved improved their CAFAS scores by a statistically significant amount.



Arming our Community with the Facts

The Community Needs Assessment Workgroup updated 4 FACT sheets and added 2 new ones on important topics:

- ◆ Hunger
- ◆ LGBTQ+ Youth
- ◆ Foster Parenting
- ◆ Sexual Assault
- ◆ Intimate Partner Violence
- ◆ Underage Drinking

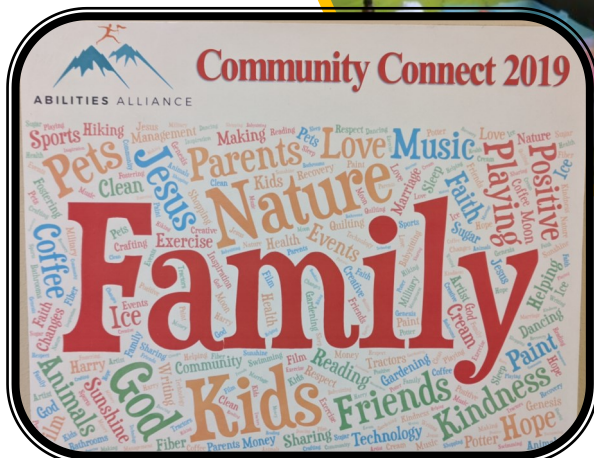


Healthy Youth
Resource Guide is
updated and
distributed twice a
year.

Teaching the Language of Trauma

The Trauma Informed Workgroup helped providers and families to implement care with Trauma in mind.

- 13 trauma assessments and consultations were completed.
- 208 people were trained in Trauma Training for Professionals.



Community Events

- 600 Participants at Community Connect.
- 600+ Participants at the Backpack and Connect for Kids Event.
- 72 People engaged in Homeless Awareness Events.
- 200 People attended the Third Annual Wake Up Livingston Recovery Walk.

Great Start Livingston

By working together with local child service agencies, Great Start has raised kindergarten readiness from 64% in 2013 to 79.97% in 2017. In 2019, their work with parents has helped change the conversation from kindergarten readiness to overall preparedness for life which includes developing social/emotional, literacy, cognitive, physical and learning skills.

Livingston Leadership Council on Aging

The Council conducted a comprehensive review of community needs assessments. Feedback included transportation, a need for emergency crisis funds, resources for grandparents raising grandchildren and a need for communication of available resources and where to find resources. The Council presented the survey results to the Board of Commissioners in April 2019.

The Livingston County Hoarding Task Force conducted 5 trainings with 111 people attending. The group is working to develop resources for agencies that enter homes.

